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Entertainment

Latest Potter flick takes dark turn

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Celebrity Buzz

Janet wants Michael's kids

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Reason for plane's hole not found yet

AIRWAYS Southwest Airlines has inspected one-third of its fleet after a plane carrying 126 passengers and five crew members made an emergency landing in West Virginia because of a one foot-wide hole that appeared in the body of the aircraft.

Flight 2294 lost cabin pressure after a piece of fuselage fell off the plane and oxygen masks dropped from overhead during the flight to Baltimore from Nashville.

According to the airline, no other problems were found on other Boeing 737-300 planes. The cause of the problem has not yet been determined. **REUTERS**

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A statue of John (Gassy Jack) Deighton stands in Vancouver's historic Gastown, which was named after him. The district has been designated a national historic site. The city's oldest neighbourhood received provincial status as a historic site in 1971.

Gastown a historic site

'Birthplace of Vancouver' receives national designation

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Vancouver's oldest neighbourhood — Gastown — has been designated a national historic site, the federal government announced yesterday.

Jim Prentice, minister of environment and parks, said the designation recognizes the neighbourhood's role in shaping the economy and development of Western Canada.

"The remarkable collection of architecturally significant buildings is an exceptional and early example of an urban historic district created by civic involvement in the heritage conservation movement," Prentice said.

Many of the buildings in Vancouver's oldest neighbourhood date from 1886 to 1914.

"Through this designation, future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy (those buildings) as part of Vancouver's urban landscape and an integral part of the city's vibrant tourism industry," said Stockwell Day.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said it's "gratifying" to see the government is recognizing the preservation and revitalization work that's been done in Gastown recently.

"Gastown is the birthplace of Vancouver, and our citizens have been instrumental in ensuring that it could be preserved for future generations to enjoy," he said.

The campaign to protect Gastown as a heritage area began in the 1960s when citizens caught wind of plans to demolish Gastown and nearby Chinatown and Strathcona to build a freeway into the downtown.

The province axed the highway plan and declared Gastown a historical site in 1971.

Gassy Jack's

- Gastown got its name from Capt. John (Gassy Jack) Deighton, who built a saloon on the south side of the Burrard Inlet in 1867. From there, the city grew into the Vancouver we know now.
- The neighbourhood hosts the annual Vancouver International Jazz Festival and Tour De Gastown bicycle race.

Dozens go on hunger strike in Iran protest

ELECTION Around 40 Vancouverites — led by three students — have given up food for 10 days to protest the arrest of thousands of Iranians during protests in the wake of that country's controversial presidential election.

Pouya, who did not want his last name used, is on the eighth day of his hunger strike and said he was inspired by students who started a hunger strike outside the Amnesty International office in England on July 6.

"We are asking for … the release of those imprisoned during protests … (and for) all governments not to recognize Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as the president elect of Iran," he said.

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Fast

- On Friday, around 200 people will join the protest for the second of four consecutive 10-day fasts.
- Participants gather outside the Vancouver Art Gallery every evening from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

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Uproar over visa changes

FocusOn FirstNations

For the next week, Metro Canada will be focusing on First Nations and Aboriginal news, community issues, arts and culture as part of a special series leading up to the Assembly of First Nations convention, July 21-23, in Calgary.

- Today
- **Joseph Quesnel on the Nisga'a Landholding Act, page 8**
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Cloverdale fair lands federal funding
The Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair has received $345,000 from the federal government, which will be used to expand existing programming and develop new attractions. The money is part of a program to fund Canada's marquee tourism events and promote them in other countries. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Concert hall closing for good

It's last call at Richard's on Richards, left, as the popular concert hall closes its doors for good on July 17 with special performances by Daniel Wesley, the Manvils, Adaline, Poor Places and more. The Vancouver landmark will be torn down to make way for a condominium development. METRO VANCOUVER

Child first to die in B.C. of swine flu

PANDEMIC A young child from the Fraser Health region is the first known person in British Columbia to die from influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, the provincial government announced yesterday.

A young woman in the same health region has also died in connection with the H1N1 virus.

The child, who had underlying medical conditions increasing the risk of influenza complications, was admitted to hospital on Sunday and died within 24 hours.

There have been 382 confirmed swine flu cases in British Columbia.

METRO VANCOUVER

Downturn leaves birds homeless

Sanctuary sees rise in admissions as recession robs owners of money, time

DANIEL TAM
for Metro Vancouver

More than 100 birds have been dropped off at a Tsawwassen sanctuary this year, many of them after their owners decided it was too expensive or time-consuming to keep them.

Jenny Tamas, adoptions director at Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary, said that as the economy worsened, the number of people showing up at her door with their pets increased.

"People have to work more now and there's more stress in their lives," Tamas said. "A lot of them are saying they just don't have any time."

Tamas said that Greyhaven took in 178 birds altogether in 2008. Halfway through this year, 116 have already been admitted.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

Adoptions director Jenny Tamas at the Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary in Tsawwassen.

With a shortage of space, many of the birds are kept in Tamas' living room until they're adopted.

Tamas said that while some people lost their jobs and couldn't afford to keep a bird, others survived layoffs but saw their workloads increase.

"They go home after working two jobs and they're exhausted and the bird is added pressure on them." Tamas said. "People come here and they're in tears.

"It's very heart-wrenching to watch someone give up the pet that they've had for five years because of life changes and the economy."

More online

- Birds at the sanctuary range from budgies and lovebirds to larger-sized parrots. Rates and adoption fees are at greyhaven.bc.ca.

Marking 100 years in the sky

DANIEL TAM
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AVIATION More than 100 aircraft are set to take off together from Vancouver July 17 in a record-breaking voyage to commemorate 100 years of flight in Canada.

The smaller, independently owned aircraft will depart from Boundary Bay Airport and touch down at 30 airports across the nation before landing at Baddeck, N.S., on July 28.

"We've been planning this for well over a year," said pilot Anthony Nalli.

"When you have 250 to 300 people converging on any one small airport, there's going to be a lot of logistical things," he said. "Everything from washrooms to bottles of water and to food."

CROSS CANADA CENTURY FLIGHT

Planes taking part in a cross-Canada voyage line up at Boundary Bay Airport.

Other preparations included making sure the smaller airports have enough aviation fuel to power all the aircraft, and making sure air traffic control knows that more than 100 planes will be showing up on their radar at once.

All the planning is going toward something Canadians may remember for a long time.

"I saw the 100th anniversary of flight in the United States pass with little notice," said John Lovelace, Cross Canada Century Flight co-ordinator. "Now that it's our turn in Canada, we wanted to do something significant on a national level."

News in brief

FOUND A seven-year-old boy left behind at a New West petting zoo by his day camp has been reunited with his mother. Police had trouble identifying the child because he didn't know his surname, address or the name of his day camp.

SHOOTING A middle-aged man has been found shot to death in an auto body shop in Surrey. The victim, who has not been identified, was found around 11:30 p.m. on Monday.

SENTENCING A former Vancouver General Hospital male nurse has been sentenced to one year in jail for sexually assaulting a female patient, cknw.com reports. Robert Alcock pleaded guilty to assaulting a 45-year-old bed-ridden woman in 2004.

WILDLIFE Three cougars have been shot and killed in Princeton after they were seen stalking people at a campground and baseball diamond. Officials said the animals were juveniles and posed a significant threat.

STANDOFF A 19-year-old man was arrested after an armed standoff that took place in Abbotsford yesterday. Police said the suspect, who is well known to them, barricaded himself in the house.

ARREST A well-known chronic offender who has preyed on elderly victims has been arrested in New Westminster. Police issued a warrant for the arrest of Tracy Lloyd Caza, 48, last month for breach of probation.

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B.C. film company wants tax credits too

Vancouver-based Straight Line Films is asking the B.C. government to react after Ontario and Quebec announced new tax credits for filmmakers that give these provinces a competitive advantage. B.C.'s film industry generated more than $1.2 billion in 2008, compared to $671 million in Ontario. METRO VANCOUVER

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Craig Greenfield and two other members of Pirates of Justice at an East Vancouver office yesterday.

Flash mob to highlight 'sweatship' concerns

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

LABOUR A pirate-themed flash mob outside Canada Place is being planned through Facebook for this Saturday to raise awareness of poor working conditions aboard cruise ships.

Organizers, calling themselves Pirates of Justice, say some employees are recruited in developing countries and are paid as little as $45 per week for long hours of work.

A former cruise ship employee from Indonesia said dining room servers would be up at 5 a.m. and sometimes work until 10 a.m. before being given a "break."

"We would have a break but it really wasn't a break because we had to prepare for lunch," the man said, asking that his name not be used because he's applying for immigration to Canada and fears speaking out would hurt his chances of acceptance.

Craig Greenfield of Pirates of Justice said the lowest-paid cruise ship employees are rarely seen by tourists.

"We're not sure that everyone in Vancouver who takes these cruises is fully aware of the kind of 'sweatship' practices that go into making a holiday happen," Greenfield added.

News in brief

RESCUE A five-year-old girl suffering from severe abdominal pain was airlifted off a cruise ship north of Port Hardy Monday night. The girl needed immediate surgery and is now at Victoria General Hospital.

ROBBERY Abbotsford police are looking for two men who robbed a paralyzed woman Monday morning, news1130.com reports. The men snatched her purse, pushed her into a stop sign and ran off with some cash. She suffered a seizure.

ASSAULT Mounties have identified the witness linked to the sexual assault of a six-year-old girl in Surrey earlier this month. RCMP said the woman is on vacation and will be interviewed upon her return.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Parents target DUI laws

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The parents of a young girl killed by an alleged drunk driver while feeding a horse beside a rural road in Ladner hope their daughter's tragic story can be a catalyst to de-clog B.C.'s justice system when it comes to impaired driving.

Alexa Renee Middelaer, 4, was killed on May 17, 2008. The woman accused in her death goes to trial next May.

"It took seven months to lay that charge," said Laurel Middelaer, Alexa's mother. "We were on scene. The woman who did this was on scene. All the bits to the puzzle were there, but it took seven months to get that evidence. It's tough."

A golf tournament will be held tomorrow at Kings Links by the Sea golf course in Delta to raise funds for the Alexa Middelaer Fund to target impaired driving on B.C. roads.

Among those initiatives, Middelaer said, is advocacy to improve the conviction rate for impaired drivers — only half of impaired driving cases result in convictions.

The family met with former attorney general Wally Oppal and plans to meet soon with Solicitor General Kash Heed.

"We believe in working with all stakeholders," Middelaer said. "It's very easy to gripe and rant and complain but we're looking for solutions."

Donations

- A golf fundraiser for the Alexa Middelaer Fund is looking for donations for live and silent auctions. Items may be dropped off at Kings Links or people can call 604-952-0999 to arrange a pick-up.

PHOTO COURTESY MIDDELAER FAMILY

Alexa Renee Middelaer was killed last May by an alleged impaired driver.

Japanese royals wrap up Canadian visit

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TOUR Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan concluded their 12-day state visit to Canada yesterday with a rock-star-like welcome and reception at Vancouver's new convention centre.

The royal couple walked from Canada Place past crowds of several hundred people, many of whom were waving Japanese flags. A few young girls were dressed in yukata (a summer kimono).

"The Emperor and Empress were very warm and friendly," said Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "They approached the people in the crowd and just seemed drawn to them."

Inside the convention centre, the Emperor and Empress were introduced to four people the Emperor had met during a visit to Canada as crown prince in 1953.

Vancouver Coun. Suzanne Anton, who was among those who spoke with the royal couple, described them as "utterly charming."

She said it was a historic moment, adding it was important that they paid tribute to Canada's Japanese pioneers with a visit to the Japanese Hall on Sunday.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan greet people at Vancouver's new convention centre yesterday at the end of their 12-day state visit to Canada.

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Ex-PM surprised but happy over appointment

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien says he was surprised but happy to learn Queen Elizabeth had awarded him the exclusive Order of Merit, despite his penchant for salty language and willingness to sing badly in front of thousands of people, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Patients, hospitals reach settlement

A group of breast cancer patients has reached a $5.4-million agreement in principle in a class-action case against a dozen Quebec hospitals that was launched more than five years ago, CBC News Online reports. Lawyers announced the agreement in principle for the roughly 4,000 women, each of whom had waited more than 12 weeks for radiation therapy. The proposed settlement does not, however, include any agreement on the standard of care. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cold didn't kill beetles: Officials

NATURE This past winter did not provide the bitter cold needed to kill the infestation of mountain pine beetles in the forests of Alberta, so human efforts must continue, officials said yesterday.

The risk of the beetle's spread remains highest in northwest Alberta, making it likely it will eventually reach Canada's huge boreal forests, although its tree-killing march east becomes more difficult because there are fewer pine trees to infest.

The Rocky Mountains are also infested and the area remains under threat, officials said. REUTERS

Claims too costly: Kenney

Minister defends visa restrictions as Prague recalls ambassador

The financial cost of handling the flood of asylum claims led directly to the controversial imposition of a visa requirement on Czech and Mexican travellers, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says.

But the impact of the visa decision on the Conservative foreign policy agenda could be just as costly, threatening a proposed free trade deal with the European Union and marring a strategy of closer engagement with Latin America, observers warned yesterday.

Worker statistics

- The number of legal, temporary workers in Canada from Mexico rose 68 per cent, to 22,344 from 13,261, from 1998 to 2003, the latest year for which statistics are available.

By comparison, there were 110,075 legal, temporary workers admitted to the United States from Mexico in 1998, and 130,327 in 2003.

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Prague reacted fiercely to the move, calling Czech ambassador Karel Zebrakovsky home from Ottawa for consultations, and seeking support from the European Union. EU diplomats said the 27-nation bloc could retaliate by forcing any Canadians visiting the continent to get a visa, though that is considered unlikely.

EU spokesman Michele Cercone said the European Commission plans no immediate action but "regrets" Ottawa's decision and was seeking consultations with Canadian officials shortly.

"We expect the measures introduced by Canada to be temporary, and we hope that full visa-free travel between the EU and Canada is re-established soon," Cercone said.

Kenney said EU officials made no threats at a meeting yesterday.

"There was no intimation whatsoever of any kind of retaliation," he said.

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Outrage over new requirements

Mississauga, Ont.,'s Sharon Corona is expecting relatives from Mexico soon and has a few words for the government.

"If you run into (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper, tell him he's lost my vote," the American Airlines employee said. Corona, like others, was livid with the decision to impose a visa requirement on Mexican tourists, who make up the fourth largest group of visitors to Canada each year.

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Kid stumps RIM execs

PHONES It took a child to stump the creators of the BlackBerry, one of the world's top-selling smartphones and a part of most executives' attire.

"Are you going to make a phone more for kids so that my mom will let me get one?" the child said from the packed audience at the annual general shareholders' meeting at Canada's Research in Motion yesterday.

The world's No. 2 smartphone maker has so far aimed its near-ubiquitous BlackBerry mobile phone mostly at executives, with U.S. President Barack Obama being its highest-profile user.

The child's question was met with hums and haws. REUTERS

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Edmonton **Loops for troops**

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Members of armoured regiment Lord Strathcona's House competed against members of the media in a 1.6-kilometre (or a military mile) run yesterday at the Edmonton Garrison to promote Loops For the Troops walk and run, taking place on July 26 in that city.

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Bikers' tensions rose, court hears

TRIAL The key witness to the largest mass murder in modern Ontario history finally took the witness stand yesterday, looking more like a banker than an outlaw biker.

The witness, who is now living under a new name in a witness protection program, can only be identified as "M.H." to protect his identity.

Dressed in a neatly tailored blue business suit and tie, M.H. described, in a calm and even voice, mounting tensions within the outlaw motorcycle club in the year leading up to the slaughter of eight members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club in April 2006.

Murders

- Four men each face eight counts of first-degree murder after the discovery of bullet-riddled bodies in southwestern Ontario.

The trial, now in its fourth month, earlier heard that M.H. was present during the slaughter of eight members of the Greater Toronto Area Bandidos in April 2006 near the tiny hamlet of Shedden, near London.

While M.H. did not testify about the murders yesterday, the former executive member of the Winnipeg Bandidos said that most Toronto members didn't want the Winnipeggers to become full members of the club, and preferred to freeze them indefinitely at a probationary level.

That meant they couldn't make major decisions on new members without the approval of the Torontonians.

One of the Winnipeggers' few supporters was longtime outlaw biker Wayne Kellestine, 60, who was the Bandidos' national sergeant-at-arms, meaning he was in charge of club discipline, M.H. said.

The bodies of eight of his clubmates were found 14 kilometres from Kellestine's farm west of London.

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Six end simulated Mars isolation
Four Russians, a Frenchman and a German ended a simulated 105-day space trip in Moscow yesterday designed to test their responses in the kind of isolated surroundings they would experience in a manned mission to Mars. REUTERS

World

Madoff leaves luxury for life in prison

Bernard Madoff's prison life began yesterday, far from the luxury homes, sleek yachts, and designer watches and clothes he accumulated in the years he ran Wall Street's biggest investment fraud. U.S. prison officials said the 71-year-old swindler checked into the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina. Last month, a judge sentenced Madoff to a total of 150 years on several criminal charges, including securities fraud, money laundering and perjury for a Ponzi scheme amounting to as much as $65 billion US. REUTERS

Deadly month in Afghanistan

ESCALATION Six Ukrainians supplying British troops in Afghanistan were killed in a helicopter crash yesterday and two U.S. Marines and an Italian soldier were killed in what could become the bloodiest month in the eight-year-old war. Authorities in Moldova said the cargo helicopter, owned by an aviation firm there, was brought down by a missile. The Taliban also claimed to have shot down the chopper, a rare occurrence. A total of 43 foreign soldiers have already died this month as U.S. and British troops simultaneously launched the two biggest operations of the war to seize Helmand province, the Taliban's opium-producing heartland. The highest death toll for Western forces in Afghanistan since 2001 is 46 for an entire month. U.S. President Barack Obama, who has identified the insurgencies in Afghanistan and Pakistan as the main threat to U.S. security, is presiding over an escalation strategy in which the number of U.S. troops will rise from 32,000 to 68,000 by the end of the year. REUTERS

Obama

News in brief

SUDAN A Sudanese politician called yesterday for an inquiry into reports young women from Sudan's Christian south had been flogged for defying Islamic law by wearing trousers in Khartoum. Police arrested 13 young women earlier this month, accusing them of wearing indecent clothes in a café, and later flogged 10 of them.

HEARINGS U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor defended one of her most controversial statements yesterday, saying she never meant to imply that a Hispanic woman would make a better judge than a white man. Republicans have drawn ammunition from a 2001 speech she gave in which she said a "wise Latina" might arrive at a better decision than a white man. Offered the chance to explain, Sotomayor said she had been misconstrued and was merely hoping to inspire young Hispanics and women to get involved with the law. REUTERS

Officials kidnapped

Frenchmen posing as journalists taken in Somalia

Somali gunmen stormed into a Mogadishu hotel yesterday and kidnapped two French officials working as security advisers for the Somali government, witnesses and officials said.

A Somali government official, who asked not to be named, said the two Frenchmen had been posing as reporters for their own protection. "They were security consultants who arrived in Somalia to train State House security guards, not journalists," the official said.

The French Foreign Ministry confirmed that two French officials working as security advisers to the Somali government had been kidnapped. A ministry statement issued in Paris said the men were on an "official mission" when they were seized by a group of armed men. "They were providing help in security matters to the transitional federal government of President Sheikh Sharif," it added.

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People walk outside the Sahafi hotel where two foreigners were kidnapped in Somalia's capital Mogadishu yesterday.

With hardline Islamist insurgents battling government troops on a daily basis, Mogadishu is one of the most dangerous cities in the world. REUTERS

China rebuffs genocide claim

UNREST China yesterday dismissed Turkey's accusation of genocide in its northwestern Muslim region of Xinjiang, where rioting killed 184 people, mostly majority Han Chinese.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said last week genocide was being committed in Xinjiang and called on Chinese authorities to intervene.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said the accusation of genocide simply did not make sense. Most people who died in the riots were Han and over the past few decades the Uighur population in Xinjiang had shot up, he said. "In which country could this be called genocide?" Qin told a regular news briefing.

"We hope that our Muslim brothers can realize the truth of the July 5 incident in Urumqi. Once they know the truth, they would support our ethnic and religious policies and the measures the Chinese government has taken to deal with the incident."

The death toll included 46 Uighurs, a Turkic people who are largely Muslim and share linguistic and cultural bonds with Central Asia.

Turkey has sought to boost ties with China, the world's third-biggest economy. President Abdullah Gul last month became the first Turkish president to visit China in 15 years, signing $1.5 billion US worth of trade deals, according to Turkish media. REUTERS

Cultural bonds

- Turkish nationalists see Xinjiang as the easternmost frontier of Turkic ethnicity. Thousands of Uighurs live in Turkey.

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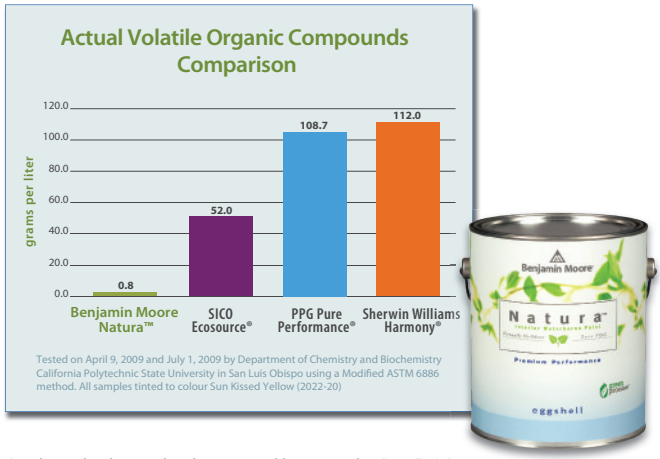

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Comment

The power of the arts

Tracee Smith

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Aboriginal students on reserves do not enjoy the rich programming those at publicly funded schools do. The majority of our 630 Aboriginal communities do not have the economic base — or geographic proximity — to offer the dance classes, piano lessons, or graphic design instruction that enrich the education of other Canadians.

Meanwhile, 70 per cent never graduate from high school, a figure that is critically important considering we are the fastest-growing population in Canada, with half of our 1.5 million people younger than 25.

But there are possibilities to inspire and nurture Aboriginal students.

I was once teaching dance in an isolated northern Ontario reserve when I realized how proud the youth were to perform in front of their community. I thought: "What if I could get them performing in a huge theatre, with lights, and hundreds of people in downtown Toronto — how would those youth feel then?"

Hence, the founding of Outside Looking In (OLI). Now in our third year, we are the only national charitable organization that works with Aboriginal communities and organizations throughout the academic year to bring kids from reserves to Toronto to perform, all through the power of the arts.

Students are instructed by professional dancers from Canada and the U.S., who travel to a chosen community about every two weeks for about six months. When instructors are not there, school teachers rehearse with them!

The important — and only — catch is this: All participants must be in good academic standing and attend all of our rehearsals.

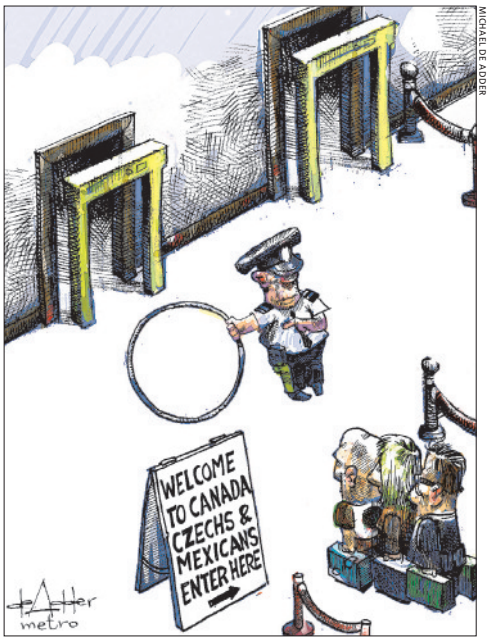
Through hard work and dedication, 28 youths have successfully performed in front of 2,000 people in Toronto. It's no easy task: These students are accountable to OLI and to themselves to earn every bit of success. Once in Toronto, they endure daily rehearsals with professional dancers, see the sights, and meet people from all cultures. But the main event is the performance they worked so hard to create. Through that event they feel what it's like to be treated like true stars — to get their hair and make-up done by professionals and sign autographs after the show.

While every participant has said OLI has changed their life, in some cases it has saved their lives. The majority of Aboriginal youth are considered at-risk with a lack of opportunities. Having these students succeed beyond their community boundaries gives them hope that they can succeed anywhere as long as they work hard, stay in school, and pursue their passion and dreams.

I tell them it is up to each of them individually on how bright they want their light to shine, and each day is a choice to make that happen.

To learn about sponsorship and donation opportunities with OLI, go to www.olishow.net or email info@olishow.net

Tracee Smith, a member of the Missanabie Cree First Nation in northern Ontario, is a professional dancer and choreographer and founder of Outside Looking In.



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Views

Nisga'a at fore of historic legislation

Joseph Quesnel

FocusOn FirstNations

A historic conversation is occurring on a section of "Indian country" in northwestern British Columbia. Nisga'a First Nations people are debating legislation that may allow individual Nisga'a to own private land they can transfer to whomever they wish, Nisga'a or non-Nisga'a.

The Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act would permit individual Nisga'a to hold land in transferable "fee simple." Properties would be registered and protected in the Nisga'a Land Title Office. This proposal would create real property rights, meaning land can be transferred to whomever one chooses.

This would be precedent setting since, under the Indian Act, on-reserve First Nations do not own their own land, which is held solely by the Crown.

On reserves, title is normally provided to individuals through certificates of possession distributed through band council. But these certificates are only transferable to other band members and exist at the whim of political leaders.

But Nisga'a, under their modern treaty passed by Parliament in 2000, are not governed under the Indian Act and their new agreement with the government placed ownership of Nisga'a land with Nisga'a Village governments.

Now, this same government proposes to allow individuals to claim residential plots. It is a small step, as the plots can be no more than 0.2 hectares (about half an acre), but this will allow for wealth creation and economic development on Nisga'a territory.

Wealth creation and poverty reduction are intimately connected to the institution of private property. Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto, a finalist for the Nobel Prize, in his landmark The Mystery Of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs In The West And Fails Everywhere Else, explained how poor people in developing countries were literally sitting on their ticket out of poverty. They possessed real estate and assets. But governments did not provide them with formal ownership rights over these assets, so poor people could not place their land as collateral for business loans.

To grant individual property rights to Nisga'a residents will allow Nisga'a to leverage this land to secure credit and start businesses.

The debate in the Nisga'a territory must occur on First Nations territories everywhere.

Indigenous Canadians need to bring Indian Act bands and other indigenous communities into a robust system where land can be easily transferred to individual First Nations.

Then a real revolution for all indigenous people can occur.

Joseph Quesnel is a policy analyst with the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, where he writes on Aboriginal issues. www.fcpp.org

Worth mentioning

What's love got to do with marriage?

Living happily ever after needn't only be for fairy tales. Australian researchers have identified what it takes to keep a couple together, and it's a lot more than just being in love.

A couple's age, previous relationships and even whether they smoke or not are factors that influence whether their marriage is going to last, according to a study by researchers from the Australian National University.

The study, What's Love Got To Do With It, tracked nearly 2,500 couples — married or living together — from 2001-07 to identify factors associated with those who remained together compared with those who divorced or separated.

It found that a husband who is nine or more years older than his wife is twice as likely to get divorced, as are husbands who get married before they turn 25.

Women who want children much more than their partners are also more likely to get a divorce.

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Former GE co-chair hospitalized for infection
Author and former General Electric Co. chairman and chief executive Jack Welch has been hospitalized with a bacterial infection but is expected to recover. REUTERS

Business

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Home sales up in June

Market defies estimates with 17.9% jump over '08

John Cocomile can't seem to walk a few steps before his BlackBerry starts to buzz. It's another client trying to close on a home purchase.

"It's been like this for the last couple months," says Cocomile, a mortgage broker and owner of website greedymortgage.com. "Real-estate agents are normally on holiday in the summer, so everyone expected things to slow down. But, good gosh, stuff is really selling out there."

He's right. Canadian existing homes sales soared in June, up 17.9 per cent year over year to 54,416 units, according to a report released yesterday by the Canadian Real Estate Association. The national average sale price also reached new heights on a monthly basis, climbing 3.6 per cent year over to $326,613.

"Good gosh, stuff is really selling out there."
John Cocomile

On a quarterly basis, sales in the second quarter were up 1.4 per cent, marking the first year over year increase since 2007.

The numbers beat consensus estimates by analysts and took some market watchers by surprise.

"Canada's housing market looks to have managed the equivalent of the great escape from the clutches of a lengthy, painful downturn," said BMO economist Doug Porter. "The rapid fire rebound in Canada's housing market is the most astonishing economic development of 2009."

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PC sales down 4% worldwide amid cutbacks

TECHNOLOGY The PC market is set to suffer a rare decline this year, while notebook shipments will surpass desktop sales for the first time, a technology research firm forecast.

Global shipments of PCs are on track to drop to 287.3 million units this year, down four per cent from 299.2 million units last year, said iSuppli Corp., based in California. It would be the first dive in annual PC shipments since the tech boom went bust in 2001, the firm noted.

"Tight budgets are putting the squeeze on corporate IT spending," said iSuppli's Matthew Wilkins in a release.

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London Postal strike looms

LUKE MACGREGOR/REUTERS

A man posts a letter in a Royal Mail post box in London, England yesterday. More than 12,000 British postal workers are set to strike this week in protest at cuts and management action at Royal Mail, the Communication Workers Union said.

Business In brief

CYBERCRIME The ever-weakening job market could well lead to an increase in online crime as laid-off workers, especially those with computer skills, turn to scams to support themselves, Cisco Systems Inc. said yesterday in a security report. Cisco warned that disgruntled former employees "can be especially damaging for an organization because insiders know security weaknesses."

BAILOUTS Goldman Sachs Group Inc. employees, on average, are close to $1 million US of compensation and benefits this year, just months after the bank received bailout funds and other support from the government. REUTERS

Gas-weighted energy firms set to lag in second quarter

ENERGY Canadian energy companies whose production is weighted more to oil than natural gas will fare better in their second-quarter results as crude prices have staged a strong recovery.

However, when compared with last year's period of soaring prices, financial results, which the sector starts releasing this week, will show the stark impact of the recession on global energy demand.

"If you're looking year-over-year, it's going to be completely abysmal. If you're looking sequentially it's looking a little better, of course," Dundee Capital Markets analyst Menno Hulshof said. "And it's the gas guys that are going to get hit harder here."

Nexen Inc is the first large Canadian energy concern out of the gate with its second-quarter results Thursday. Crude oil from such plays as its Buzzard field in the North Sea and its early-stage Long Lake oilsands project in Alberta makes up more than four-fifths of its production, which should bolster its showing, Hulshof said.

Still, analysts, on average, expect Nexen to earn 28 Canadian cents a share before unusual items, down 61 percent from the second quarter of 2008. REUTERS

Blackhawks change GMs

The Chicago Blackhawks removed general manager Dale Tallon from his post yesterday, and promoted assistant GM Stan Bowman to the general manager position. Tallon will remain with the organization, reassigned to the position of senior adviser of hockey operations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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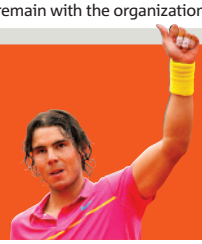

Nadal plans to play in Montreal

World No. 2 Rafael Nadal plans to resume training and return to action at next month's Montreal Masters as he recovers from tendinitis in his knees, according to a statement on his website yesterday. "Rafa Nadal underwent some new medical tests today in Barcelona," the statement said. "He is slowly recovering from his injury, will resume practice next Monday and will reappear at the Montreal event on August 8th," it added. REUTERS

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Missed Open just a painful memory for resurgent Tiger

BRITISH OPEN Tiger Woods has extra incentive to flourish at this week's British Open after missing last year's championship at Royal Birkdale while recovering from reconstructive knee surgery.

Twelve months ago the world No. 1 was confined to his home in Orlando, Fla., and experienced intense pain as he watched television coverage of Irishman Padraig Harrington's successful title defence.

Tiger Woods

"My day consisted of trying to get from the bed to the couch and then from there back to the bed," three-times British Open champion Woods told reporters yesterday.

"That was my day. I was going through probably some of the worst pain at the time. Just basically the two-and-a-half week mark and I was in pretty good pain."

Woods had knee surgery after clinching his 14th major title in a playoff for last year's U.S. Open at Torrey Pines and was then sidelined from the game for eight months.

He returned to the PGA Tour for the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship in late February and has since triumphed three times in eight starts.

"It's been a tremendous success," Woods said of his 2009 campaign.

"I remember looking at the year and just trying to get back playing, (thinking) hopefully I can play and hopefully at a high level.

"Looking at my situation at the beginning of the year, to have three wins, I wouldn't have thought that.

"Granted I haven't won a major but I've come close," added the 33-year-old American who tied for sixth at the U.S. Masters in April before again sharing sixth place at last month's U.S. Open.

"I've put myself in position to win the first few majors, I just haven't done it." REUTERS

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American League All-Star Curtis Granderson hits a triple during the all-star game at Busch Stadium in St Louis last night. Granderson proved to be the winning run, as the AL won 4-3.

AL extends streak

NL hasn't won all-star game since 1996

ALL-STAR GAME

AL 4, NL 3

Mariano Rivera surpassed Dennis Eckersley for the most saves in all-star game history last night, closing the door for the fourth time as the American League used a late Adam Jones sacrifice fly to down the National League 4-3, extending its unbeaten streak to 13 games.

Jones' eighth-inning sacrifice fly to right plated Detroit's Curtis Granderson, who tripled off the base of the left-field fence earlier in the frame. The American League is now 12-0-1 in the last 13 midsummer classics, and the AL champion will have home field in the World Series.

The American League's unbeaten streak is the longest in the game's history, surpassing the Senior Circuit's 11-game run from 1972-1982. The AL's last loss was a 6-0 decision at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium in 1996.

San Diego's Heath Bell (0-1) took the loss, allowing two hits and one run with one strikeout and one walk during the eighth frame. San Francisco's Tim Lincecum started on the mound and allowed two runs on two hits in two frames.

The National League's bats came alive in the bottom of the second with a three-spot off Roy Halladay to take the lead. David Wright blooped a single to shallow right with two outs then Shane Victorino followed with a solid single. Yadier Molina then went down after a low fastball and drove it to centre for a base hit, scoring Wright and allowing Victorino to sprint into third. On Josh Hamilton's attempt to nab the Phillies outfielder, the ball caromed past the third baseman and up against the wall down the line, giving Victorino home. Prince Fielder followed with a slicing run-scoring, ground-rule double down the left-field line for a 3-2 edge.

The slim edge stood until Joe Mauer's double plated Jeter in the top of the fifth. Some tense moments for the AL came in the home seventh as Brad Hawpe jumped on a first-pitch fastball from Papelbon and drove it to deep left. Carl Crawford timed his jump perfectly and caught the ball at its apex just above the wall, robbing the Rockies outfielder of a go-ahead homer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Obama's pitch

- President Barack Obama threw out the first pitch, the fourth sitting U.S. President to do so at the All-Star Game. Obama's pitch to the hometown hero Pujols bounced just in front of the plate. Obama came out to cheers while wearing a Chicago White Sox jacket.

Sports in brief

CYCLING Great Britain's Mark Cavendish outsprinted Thor Hushovd of Norway to the wire to capture Stage 10 of the 2009 Tour de France, while the top three in cycling's most prestigious event remained the same. Italy's Rinaldo Nocentini maintained his position as the overall leader, just ahead of Spain's Alberto Contador, the 2007 Tour winner. Seven-time champion Lance Armstrong remains third overall, just eight seconds off the lead pace.

BASEBALL The defending champion Philadelphia Phillies are reportedly set to sign veteran right-hander Pedro Martinez. A report on MLB.com revealed the Phillies will announce the signing today, a day after Martinez underwent a physical in Philadelphia.

SOCCER Argentinian star Carlos Tevez will move to Manchester City after rejecting the chance to stay at Manchester United, where he had spent the last two seasons. Tevez is Manchester City third major signing of the summer following the arrivals of Gareth Barry and Roque Santa Cruz.

FOOTBALL The Kansas City Chiefs signed off-season acquisition Matt Cassel to a multi-year contract yesterday. Kansas City traded a second-trade pick to New England earlier in the off-season in exchange for veteran linebacker Mike Vrabel and Cassel, whom the Patriots slapped with their franchise tag following his impressive 2008 campaign. The 27-year-old was expected to earn $14.651 million this season.

HOCKEY The Carolina Hurricanes agreed to terms with right wing Tom Kostopoulos on a three-year contract yesterday that is worth more than $2.7 million. The 30-year-old tallied eight goals and 14 assists in 78 games with the Montreal Canadiens last season.

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Workology

SFU now in the NCAA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association approved Simon Fraser University's application to join the association, making the university the first non-US member of NCAA. Following a two-year "candidacy" period, during which SFU can continue to competed in both the CIS and NCAA, all of the university's varsity teams will compete in the NCAA Division II level starting in the 2011-12 season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Workology in **brief**

CANADIAN FORCES A new program has been launched that will provide children of Canadian Forces personnel killed while serving in active duty with four-year university scholarships. Called Project Hero, the program, which was launched by former Chief of Defence Staff General Rick Hillier, will begin on Sept. 1, 2009 and cover the cost of undergraduate tuition for four academic years, as well as the cost of on-campus residence fees for the first academic year for students who have lost a parent in a military mission. Currently, Memorial University, The Universities of Calgary, Ottawa and Windsor and the University of Ottawa are participating in the program.

YOUTH JOURNEY A long-term study between 2000 and 2008 of 22,000 Canadian youth aged 18 to 20 shows the most common sequence of events to adulthood for both men and women was to leave school, find a full-time job, leave the parental home, form a relationship and have children. However, the eight-year-long study found that more men left school and began working full-time earlier than women. The study also found that 43 per cent of the participants attended college, one per cent more than those who attended university. Interestingly, participation in all types of postsecondary education was higher for women than men.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT With unemployment rates swelling, many Canadians are creating their own work, with self-employment growing by 1.5 per cent from May to June. The jobless rate in Canada is now at its highest level since February 1998. But some leading Canadian economists are looking at the positive aspects of forced self-employment: Initiating successful new companies once the economy recovers and sparking more innovation.

OTTAWA TRANSIT CALLED AGIST BY STUDENTS University students in Ottawa are criticizing the city over a new OC Transpo policy stipulating that full-time students over 27 cannot buy a student transit pass, which is nearly $20 cheaper than the regular adult pass. Along with a failed U-Pass pilot project, the president of uOttawa's student federation says the age limit sends a bad message to students.

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'A job that lives and breathes'

Backstage **Pass**

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

It's probably one of the most vivid and dynamic theatres around, but rarely considered when discussing such venues. The playhouse in question is the theatre of the mind.

Radio producers are responsible for bringing the life, ideas and imagery to radio programs.

Likely, this master of imagery gets ignored because there are too many mediums working against it. Television and film provide the images we see, and even the written word is often overly descriptive. Jim Carr, professor at York University and Seneca College, says there is, however, one medium that truly caters to this unique theatre since its invention: The radio.

"Radio directly plays to the theatre of the mind," says the program co-ordinator of the joint broadcast radio program. "In 20 seconds of sound I can put you in a park in Paris and your image will be different from everyone else's."

He says radio lets people drum up images from their past and utilize them to understand what they're hearing in their own personal way.

"A good radio producer has done their job if they can do that for you," he told Metro.

Producers are responsible for bringing the life, ideas and imagery to radio programs each and every day. Along with the on-air personalities, they orchestrate the soundtrack for millions of listeners.

Ryan Fabro, of Toronto's sports radio station The Fan 590, says a radio producer is the "middleman that makes the whole show work."

Fabro, the producer of Fan shows The Director's Chair and The Game Plan, says it's his job to make sure the research is done, the guests are lined up and the right callers are selected. He also says it's fun to work on-the-fly. If a good idea or funny line pops into his head, he can feed it to the host(s) to take the show in an interesting new direction.

"Altogether, it's a really fun, satisfying way to work."

The on-the-fly aspect is appealing to Fabro because it gives him the opportunity to think on his feet and be ready for any situation, at any time.

Live radio, specifically live sports radio, requires the right preparation to handle any newsworthy developments that occur.

If a player is traded, it's the producers' job to get on the phone and get a comment from the player or organization. If it's happening in real-time, it needs to be reflected on the air, says Fabro. That means he needs to know who to call, and when.

"You're always trying to get your Rolodex bigger," he says. "If you're not up-to-date, you're useless at your job."

"As the day moves on, everything changes," says Carr. "A day is 24 hours and live radio must be consistently evolving and adapting to bring people what they need to hear. It's truly a job that lives and breathes."

You can catch The Director's Chair on the Fan 590 Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and The Game Plan from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the same days.

Fabro also co-hosts The Fantasy Show, airing Sundays at 6 p.m.

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Employers using downturn as opportunity to rebrand

MARKETING As the nation works toward recovering from one of the steepest downturns in U.S. history, employers are preparing now for when the economy rebounds, according to a recent CareerBuilder survey. Seventy-two per cent of employers who have employment brands say they are taking measures to strengthen those employment brands today, so they are competitively positioned for an upturn down the road.

Employers are working to remedy the fallout of a gruelling economy. In addition to layoffs, the survey found 42 per cent of employers have cut certain benefits or perks at their organizations in 2009. Bonuses and medical coverage topped are the most affected.

As companies struggle with shrinking departments and tighter budgets, a greater emphasis is being placed on internal and external communications to improve employment brands. Thirty-seven per cent of employers with employment brands are communicating more frequently with employees about company successes and 29 per cent are promoting company successes and awards through press releases.

Employers are also revising recruitment messaging and investing more in promoting career advancement, flexibility and a work culture that values employees:

- 24 per cent are outlining potential career paths for current and future employees;
- 24 per cent are offering more employee recognition programs;
- 21 per cent are offering more flexible work schedules;
- 20 per cent are revising job listings to emphasize a positive work culture;
- 18 per cent are revising recruitment materials;
- 16 per cent are revamping their company career sites.

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Like a football coach ... for dancers

Backstage Pass

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

David Connolly has choreographed for TV, movies and the stage. This spring, he was at Halifax's Neptune Theatre directing and choreographing a hit run of High School Musical, and that's where his passion lies: Live dance.

Choreographer David Connolly's passion lies in live dance.

"Television and film is certainly more far reaching," he concedes. He choreographed the kids' TV show The Doodlebops, which is in six languages around the world. "People are doing the Wobbly Whoopsy all over the world because I invented the Wobbly Whoopsy. When you're having a really bad day, you're like, 'Oh, nope. There's a kid in Spain doing the Wobbly Whoopsy,'" he laughs.

Choreographing on the set of Deepa Mehta's Hollywood/Bollywood one winter, he found the dancers' breath was fogging up the camera lens: He had them chew ice to cool their breath.

"You get to do it till it's as right as it can be," he says. "The energy exchange in live theatre between what the audience is giving and what the actors are giving is where the magic happens. Boy, do you ever miss that in TV and film."

Connolly started his career acting on Broadway, but switched to choreography because it gave him greater control over his career. As a choreographer he's "higher on the food chain" and the work is more stable.

"I see how very often (who gets the acting role) has nothing to do with talent," he says. "At a certain point, there are ten people who can play that part, so it's going to factor in nothing to do with you personally and everything to do with how you look with him, or where you live, or who the musical director loves or has worked with before.

"The insecurity (of acting) is probably part of what drove me to the other side. But there's no greater reward for me than to make somebody laugh or think. That balances out the insecurity of not knowing where the next job is."

Many fine arts university degrees offer choreography as part of a dance program. You don't have to be a super dancer to choreograph: It's more like a football coach teaching his star quarterback.

On its website, the University of Calgary's dance program notes dancers have historically studied with companies. "A university fine arts education prepares you in a similar way," it says.

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More to the case than just facts

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"One should always play fairly when one has the winning cards."
- OSCAR WILDE

Most lawyers will tell you that the outcome of your case is based on the facts, the prevailing law, the relative abilities of the lawyers involved and a bit of luck. In straightforward employment law cases, strategy is often overlooked. It ought not to be.

Generally, employers are in no hurry to move cases along quickly. They would much prefer to wait and let the employee's legal costs accumulate and her frustrations grow. In typical cases, claims can meander through the court system for years, with inherent pre-trial delays, mandatory mediations and few, if any, deadlines.

Here are some tips from the workplace trenches:

Address preliminary issues intelligently: The strategic advantage that specialized counsel offers is to argue a lawsuit in ways that take the opposing lawyer, and his client, away from their comfort zone. In a case that I recently argued, I brought a preliminary motion to compel the judge to grant summary judgment, which allowed my client to obtain damages long before she even suffered them. Although the defendant argued that the case couldn't be heard, we successfully responded to the inference that a full trial was required by emphasizing the facts that were straightforward and downplaying those that were not.

Don't make allegations that cannot be supported: Most employment lawsuits are riddled with hyperbole. Some lawyers believe that flashy allegations of bad faith, the intentional infliction of mental distress and punitive damages add to the value of their clients' claims. In my experience, the opposite is usually true. Not only does the case take longer to settle, it inevitably will cost you more to do so.

Proceed as a group: It becomes difficult for an employer to ignore your claim when it is shared. Even two employees proceeding together will garner greater attention from your ex-employer and their lawyer.

Choose a lawyer carefully: There are no rules that limit lawyers without much experience in employment law from professing that they practise it on their websites and in the media — and unfortunately they do. The reality is that there are few lawyers who exclusively practise employment law. Employment law is specialized. Inquire what percentage of the lawyer's time is spent solely on employment law matters — and don't pay for his or her education.

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Green outlook
More than 27 per cent of Canadians today would buy an environmentally-friendly car over a dream car, compared to 23 per cent of Americans, a new survey by global market research firm Synovate has found. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Return of diesel Jetta

VW gets down to heart of the matter — its engine

LORNE DRURY
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2009 VW Jetta TDI

Type: Two door mid-size sedan
Price: $24,275-$29,775
Engine: 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder diesel (140 hp 235 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Smoother and quieter than previous diesel Jettas
- Impressive fuel economy

After an absence of more than a year, Volkswagen is back with a diesel engine in its 2009 Jetta sedan and wagon. Inside, Jetta TDI is comfortable and functional, but not as up-to-date styling-wise as many in the mid-size market.

Volkswagen's 2009 Jetta TDI sedan doesn't set any new standards as far as exterior design is concerned; it's what's lurking under the hood that really matters.

The state-of-the-art clean diesel technology available in the Jetta will be THE key selling feature of the new model, which is helping VW achieve sales increases in Canada while most manufacturers have been losing market share.

Volkswagen has a long history with diesels and the Jetta TDI has been one of its sales leaders over the years. In fact, in 2006 about half of all Jettas sold in Canada had the old 1.9-litre TDI turbo diesel engine. However, changing emissions regulations rendered that engine obsolete and in 2007, VW didn't offer any diesel models.

The new diesel engine not only meets the tougher emissions regulations throughout all of North America, but it also is smoother, quieter, more powerful and more fuel-efficient than the previous diesel.

Gone are the days of the black smoke billowing out of the tailpipe as you drive merrily on your way, smugly telling the world that you're getting great fuel economy with your diesel, while at the same time adding piles of CO_2 to the atmosphere.

Gone too is the "clatter" previously associated with diesel engines — at speed up you can barely hear the engine sound although it is audible at start up.

A plus with the new 2.0-litre engine is the extra power that comes without sacrificing fuel economy. The new engine produces 140 hp and 235 lb/ft of torque, compared with 100 hp and 177 lb/ft with the previous model. That added grunt comes in handy when accelerating onto the highway or in passing mode.

As for fuel economy, the numbers are impressive — 6.8L/100 km city and 4.9L/100 km highway with the six-speed DSG automatic transmission. A six-speed manual gets slightly better fuel economy still.

While the Jetta is clearly a leader on the technological side, styling-wise it's a fairly bland offering. Unlike the eye-catching look of its Passat CC sibling, the Jetta TDI blends in with the crowd. Similarly, the interior is a functional yet dull Plain Jane gray on gray colour. However, all knobs and gauges are easy to use and within reach, while the seats are comfortable.

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Vancouver OK's EV charging regulations

Vancouver's city council has unanimously approved new regulations that will require electric vehicle charging stations in new condominium and apartment buildings, according to the Green Car Congress. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Audi TTS a fine work of art

If God is in the details, this is one holy drop-top

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

2009 Audi TTS Roadster

Type: Sports car
Price: from $61,900
Engine: Turbocharged 2.0L DOHC four-cylinder
Power: 265 hp @ 6,000 rpm; 258 lb-ft of torque @ 2,500 rpm

Highlights

- Effortless speed
- Exquisite looks

For 2009, Audi is offering a considerably hotter version of its 2.0L TSFI direct-injection turbo-four powered TT dubbed the TTS. Available in both coupe ($57,600) and Roadster ($61,900), horsepower count jumps from 200 to 265 and torque sees an increase of 51 lb.-ft. to 258 at 2500 r.p.m.

All TTS are equipped with upgraded quattro all-wheel-drive, a six-speed S-Tronic twin-clutch manumatic transmission and S-specific tuned adaptive magnetic ride suspension. Visually, you can spot a TTS by its 10mm lowered ride height, unique 18" wheels, chrome-look mesh grill, bi-xenon headlights, dual twin tail pipes, aluminum-look mirrors and black brake calipers.

There's no question this car is a stunner, and its beauty is more than skin deep. The 2009 TTS Roadster beat out the refreshed Mercedes-Benz SLK and Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder to capture Best New Convertible category at the 2008 TestFest.

But is it a real sports car? My wife and I took our red specimen on a two day tour of northwest Ontario to find out.

With maximum torque arriving at 2500 rpm, the TTS can get caught flat-footed in the lower rev range, but once the turbo spools up this red rocket truly flies. The six-speed S-Tronic twin-clutch box is a delight. It shifts smoothly on its own, but the real fun is in using the paddle shifters to flick through the gears, hearing the rev matching on downshifts, and the cute little woofs on upshifts.

However, compared to the benchmark Porsche Boxster (starting at $58,400), it's not quite there. The steering lacks the Porsche's wonderfully tactile feel, and the chassis, while undeniably capable, doesn't communicate or respond like the mid-engined Boxster.

Get back to the touring side of the equation, and the TTS excels. The standard adaptive magnetic ride sports suspension serves up a pleasant and controlled ride, the bolstered sport seats proved comfy over the long haul, and the $1350 Bose audio upgrade with XM sounded fab. Add in the $1500 Enhanced Leather Package, and every aspect of this exquisite cabin is a visual and tactile delight. If God is in the details, this is one holy drop-top.

The Mercedes-Benz E Class Coupe, left, and its seats get Michael Goetz thinking about the trappings of luxurious technology.

View from the super adjustable seat

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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I recently tried out the new Mercedes-Benz E Class Coupe and liked it. My butt was particularly impressed.

That is one fine seat.

It features a unique sculpted shape, beautiful leather, lovely cross stitching, and 10-way power adjustments for positioning — plus four other power adjustments to make you even more comfortable.

Those extra four dials located on the inboard side of the front seats can inflate and deflate six different bladders; there's one set for the side bolsters in the seat cushion, another set for the side bolsters in the lower seat back, and two individual ones for lumbar. Crank up all the bolsters and the seat hugs your backside like a body suit. The lumbar feature is equally powerful; at one point it may have adjusted my prostate.

We've obviously come a long way, from the bench seats of yore.

I'm not suggesting we go back to those vinyl wonders, but one wonders if the most comfortable, adjustable chair you get to sit in any given day should be the one in the 4,000-pound device that uses premium unleaded? Aren't we trying to get people out of the car a little bit? And we wonder why people keep choosing the drive-thru at Tim Horton's, even when it takes longer than the walk-in option.

The other thing that gets me about these infinitely adjustable seats, is that you spend an inordinate time fiddling with the adjustments. With so many settings, you feel that seating utopia is suddenly possible, so you adjust and adjust and adjust … but you never get to that place of backside enlightenment… it's just a mirage in the desert.

And when you think you're JUST THERE, you make one small adjustment to the recline angle, which begets one more small adjustment to the seat cushion tilt, which begets one more small adjustment in the lumbar, which suddenly makes everything ALL WRONG, which begets you to gnaw the steering wheel.

This exercise reminds me of what you go through when a waiter or waitress tops up your coffee cup. You now have to figure out what precise increments of sugar and cream to add. With no reference point any more it's all a guessing game — one you usually lose.

But don't let my seat issues detract from your enjoyment of the continuing evolution of the automotive seat. Please, adjust away!

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Travel

No more rock-climbing?

A controversial Australian government proposal could stop people from climbing the famed Uluru — formerly known as Ayers Rock — in deference to the wishes of local Aborigine people, for whom the 348-metre rock is sacred. Uluru, known for its shifting red-ochre colours, is a top tourist draw: each year, it gets 350,000 visitors, half of them from overseas, and is climbed by more than 100,000 visitors. REUTERS

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Travellers have triple the risk of blood clots, study shows

HEALTH RISK People who travel have nearly triple the normal risk of developing a dangerous blood clot, with a measurable increase for every two hours spent sitting in a car or wedged into an airline seat, researchers have reported.

They said the risk is serious enough to merit research into better ways to keep travellers healthy, although not severe enough to justify giving airline passengers anti-clotting drugs.

Dr. Divay Chandra and colleagues at Harvard University in Boston looked specifically at venous thromboembolism — the development of a blood clot in a vein, usually in the legs. Blood clots can also cause strokes and heart attacks when they form in arteries but VTEs can cause local damage or travel to the lung and kill.

Chandra's team did what is called a meta-analysis, pooling results of many studies. They found 14 studies involving 4,000 patients that met their criteria. "Our findings demonstrate for the first time a clear association between travel and VTE," they wrote in their report, published in the Annals of Internal Medicine. Women who are pregnant or take birth control pills and the obese have an especially high risk, they found. The absolute risk is one case in every 4,600 airline trips. They noted some studies have shown no risk of blood clots but said the way those studies were done could be questioned. REUTERS

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Left, in this file photo, swan uppers check the well-being of cygnets and swans during the annual Swan Upping, an event which takes place during the third week of July on the River Thames near Windsor in London. Right, swan uppers row in ceremonial style to their next destination.

Taking stock of the royal swans

In July, Swan Upping is a tradition on the Thames

Quiet please — the Queen is preparing to have her swans counted.

Buckingham Palace has announced that the annual Swan Upping, a tradition dating back to the 12th century, which involves a census of the swan population on the River Thames, will be conducted by the Queen's official Swan Marker from July 20 to 24.

"With the assistance of the Queen's Swan Warden, Professor Christopher Perrins of the University of Oxford, the swans and young cygnets are also assessed for any signs of injury or disease," Buckingham Palace said in announcing the count.

The process involves the Swan Marker, David Barber, rowing up the Thames for five days with the Swan Warden in traditional skiffs while wearing special scarlet uniforms and counting, weighing and measuring swans and cygnets.

It may seem eccentric, but it is very important to the Queen. According to custom, Britain's sovereign owns all unmarked, mute swans in open water, but the Queen now exercises the right only on stretches of the Thames and its nearby tributaries.

In medieval times, the Swan Marker would not only travel up the river counting swans, but would catch as many as possible as they were sought-after for feasts.

This year, the Swan Marker and the Swan Warden are particularly keen to discover how much damage is being caused to swans and cygnets by attacks from dogs and from discarded fishing tackle.

It is also an important year because Queen Elizabeth has decided to join her team of Swan Uppers for part of the census.

She will follow them up the river and visit a local school project on the whole subject of swans, cygnets and the Thames.

"Education and conservation are essential to the role of Swan Upping and the involvement of school children is always a rewarding experience," Buckingham Palace said. REUTERS

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Sun and sand traps
Thailand is marketing itself as a recession-friendly golf destination to help rescue its floundering tourism industry. North Americans find their usual golfing holidays in Scotland and Ireland are too expensive this year are going to Thailand instead. REUTERS

Volunteers stand to form the shape of a smile at Place Vendome in Paris on July 12. Paris, the world's top tourist destination, is using the slogan "Paris smiles for you!" to welcome visitors.

Parisians! Start smiling for the tourists, please

Officials try to counter poll that named Paris most overrated city

Faced with a fall in tourist numbers due to the financial crisis and a reputation for unfriendliness, the Paris tourist board has made a simple request to the city's residents: smile.

Visitors to Paris, the world's most visited city, have fallen 17 per cent since January compared with the same period in 2008, official figures show.

To counter the slump and boost revenues, the tourist board has set up stands manned by teams of "smile ambassadors" to welcome holiday makers at the city's most popular spots.

As if to heed its call, hundreds of roller-skaters formed a giant smile in Place Vendome in the city centre on Sunday. "We have to work on striking and simple images. There's nothing as telling as a smile," said Paul Roll, who heads the tourist board.

In May, a questionnaire carried out by travel site TripAdvisor found Paris to be the most over-rated city in Europe, citing its high prices and unpleasant residents.

Daniel Fasquelle, founder of a tourism association, said that French from all walks of life needed to play their part.

"It's the American tourist lost in Paris that we inform politely, it's the English person looking for the way in northern France who we don't get impatient with by honking our car horns." Daniel Fasquelle

"If we want tourism, which has generated more than two million jobs, to remain a major economic sector, everyone has to get behind it — professionals, elected representatives, and French people," he said.

"It's the American tourist lost in Paris that we inform politely, it's the English person looking for the way in northern France who we don't get impatient with by honking our carhorns," he said.

Paris is doing more than trying to make its residents smile to draw in more visitors. It is now possible to enjoy a virtual visit of the Champs-Elysees, the so-called "most beautiful avenue in the world," on the ChampsElysees.org.

Plans for a string of new luxury hotels are also in the pipeline, and Secretary of State for Tourism, Herve Novelli, is counting on a cut in taxes for the restaurant industry, which just came into force, to boost tourism. REUTERS

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Brand set to host MTV Video Music Awards

British comedian Russell Brand will return to host the MTV Video Music Awards, which promises to have performances all over Manhattan, including Radio City Music Hall. Taylor Swift and British rockers Muse will perform. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

ER star ill

Maura Tierney is to undergo surgery to remove a breast tumour. The ER actress revealed the news after it was announced her new show Parenthood was delayed due to illness. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Harry Potter takes a dark turn

Harry Potter and the **Half-Blood Prince**

Director: David Yates
Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

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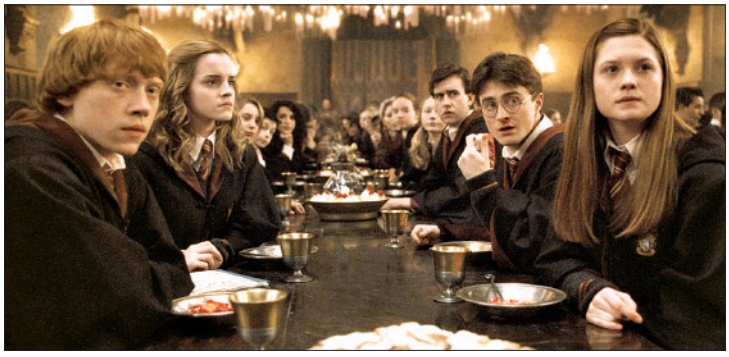

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's series of books.

REVIEW If the fanciful world of Harry Potter were real, any parent who opted to send their kids to Hogwarts would need to have their head examined.

For why would any rational person allow their child to attend a school where lethal poisons are part of the curriculum, where the recreational sport is a brutal form of football played 100 feet in the air on flying broomsticks, and where an evil, homicidal monster attacks the student body at the climax of every school year?

This critic has never been able to get past this conceit but what do I know, really…

Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince, the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's phenomenally popular series of young adult novels is, as advertised, a leaner, meaner and far darker entry than 2007's Order of the Phoenix. But higher stakes and grimmer themes aside, this is ultimately just another Potter picture, as good and as flawed as any of them.

"Chosen One" Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) returns to Hogwarts for yet another fun-filled run of sweaty palmed teen angst and supernatural derring-do and once again, something sinister pulses in the peripheral.

As Harry struggles through potions class with new teacher Horace Slughorn, utilizing a found textbook that once belonged to the mysterious titular Prince, antagonist Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton) may or may not be aligning himself with the Death Eaters, paving the way once again for the return of Lord Voldemort.

The film looks absolutely spectacular, with handsome production design, flawless digital effects and appropriately bleak, washed out cinematography. The young cast, especially Felton and Emma Watson, have matured into fine, unusually attractive screen presences and the older cast is first rate.

But the big issue I have with the Potter flicks is that they are almost entirely reliant on fans familiarity with the source novels and, in being almost scientifically faithful to those texts, they never feel like fully developed works in their own right.

Half-Blood Prince feels too long, yet far too underdeveloped to support its labyrinthine narrative and character arcs and is occasionally incomprehensible. Dramatic scene after effects soaked set piece follow each other, making the whole enterprise akin to a sort of "greatest hits" of the book.

Still, hardcore fans will likely eat it up. Casual viewers, maybe not so much.

• For Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies.

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Promoter wants Jacksons to sing at U.K. tribute gig

The company behind Michael Jackson's planned comeback in London that was to have kicked off on Monday said he wanted to stage a one-off tribute concert in the city featuring members of the late pop star's family.

AEG Live signed up the star for 50 concerts at London's O2 Arena starting on July 13, but the 50-year-old singer died in Los Angeles less than three weeks before his eagerly anticipated return to the stage.

More than 750,000 people snapped up tickets to the This Is It shows, and they have been given the choice of a full refund or keeping their tickets as a memento.

Jackson

AEG Live chief executive Randy Phillips said yesterday he was hopeful of holding the tribute gig in London on Aug. 29, which would have been Jackson's 51st birthday, although time was running out.

"We have to make some hard decisions this week, otherwise it will be too late to even contemplate doing anything on the 29th," Phillips told BBC Radio 6 Music.

"The number one item I'm discussing is presenting This Is It the production, hopefully with the Jacksons and may be Janet, and other artists," Phillips added. "What we're thinking about is one massive tribute that's broadcast around the globe. We've opted to go to broadcast television, either cable/satellite, or traditional broadcast."

He conceded that most of the 27 Jackson dates booked in 2009 at the O2 Arena would probably go unfilled. The remaining 23 dates were scheduled for early 2010. **REUTERS**

First baby on the way
Victoria's Secret model Karolina Kurkova is pregnant. "Supermodel and actress Karolina Kurkova and her fiancé, film producer Archie Drury, have announced that they are expecting their first child," her rep says. USMAGAZINE.COM

International appeal

Winnipeg's Meaghan Waller crowned Top Model

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Meaghan Waller doesn't know where she found the gusto to stomp it out so powerfully in the final runway show on Canada's Next Top Model.

But the competition's newly crowned winner said the final challenge that propelled her to victory was the most amazing experience of her life.

"It was like a euphoria, with all the lights and cheering," said Winnipeg's Waller in the Toronto Fashion District office of her new representation, Elmer Olsen Model Management. "I'm pretty much on cloud nine."

Last night's finale began with the three finalists partaking in their last photo shoot — a bold solo cover image for Fashion Magazine. Nikita Kiceluk of Calgary, Alta., appeared to have the upper hand, having been praised earlier for her strong editorial look.

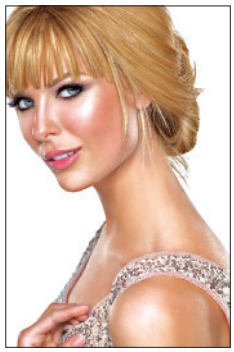
And while Waller's appearance is comparably softer than her competitors, she received largely positive feedback by the creative team on set.

However, it was Edmonton's Linsay Willier, donning a straight-on smile in her image, who ended up capturing the client's favour, winning the challenge and securing her spot in the final two.

And despite her past performance, Kiceluk crumbled in front of the judges, who continued to contend a self-deprecating front was holding the hopeful back from exuding the confidence required in the modelling industry.

"She plays it off as though she's the most confident girl you would meet, but I always think there's something underlying," said Waller. "You can't be that confident."

Instead, the panel selected Waller to join Willier in a final runway showdown that would determine the competition's winner.



Canada's Next Top Model winner Meaghan Waller says modelling is more than "just a pretty face."

In a runway show for fashion design team The Blonds, the dressed-up duo competed for the attention of the judges, who evaluated them from the audience's front row.

Willier's past runway acclaim was maintained during the show, as she marched strong and focused. But Waller wowed the judges with an unexpectedly powerful walk they hadn't seen from her before.

When the judges were forced to choose between the women who had appeared to perform equally well, tempers took hold and tears streamed. But it was Waller's perceived international appeal that inched her ahead of Willier, to win the third cycle of the competition.

"I think I ended up winning in the end because I'm a fresh face, I'm new to the industry and something people haven't seen before," said Waller. "I'm very versatile and will hopefully be a very good role model."

With her newfound publicity, Waller said she aims to raise awareness for many causes including cancer research, having had several loved ones affected by the disease.

"I want to make it known that modelling is not just a pretty face in a couple of photo shoots. It's a lot more than that."

Fawcett's friend to release diaries from her last years

BOOK A close friend of late Charlie's Angels star Farrah Fawcett will publish her personal diaries about the actress' three-year struggle with cancer next month.

My Journey with Farrah: A Story of Life, Love and Friendship, by Alana Stewart, will come out on Aug. 11 — less than two months after Fawcett succumbed to anal cancer on June 25. The book is thought to be the first insider's look at Fawcett's illness.

Stewart, the ex-wife of rocker Rod Stewart and a friend of Fawcett's for 30 years, said she was encouraged to go into print by Fawcett herself and by Ryan O'Neal, the Love Story movie star who was Fawcett's long time companion.

"Farrah had originally encouraged me to write this book. It was her idea. However, while I was contemplating my decision, her health took a turn for the worse, and I could no longer seek her advice," Stewart said in a statement.

"So I turned to Ryan O'Neal. He was so positive and so supportive. 'You have to do it', he said emphatically. 'There will be lots of people writing books about her. Yours will be the truth, and it will be a wonderful tribute to her. You have to do it!'", she said. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Farrah Fawcett Foundation to support cancer research.

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In brief

ONLINE Fans of HBO shows such as the Sopranos and The Wire can now watch them online if they are Comcast Corp subscribers, in the latest move by the cable TV industry to make TV programs available on the Web. Both Comcast and HBO parent Time Warner Inc are leading the U.S. TV industry with initiatives called On Demand Online and TV Everywhere designed to help cable and satellite TV providers authenticate paying subscribers who choose to watch shows on the Web.

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Archer: Comedy of cartoon spies

SERIES X is making a rare foray into animation with a new comedy series from Adam Reed, the cable network's first cartoon in 10 years. Tentatively titled Archer, the series is set at an international spy agency whose highly trained employees constantly confuse, undermine and betray one another.

Big Valley headed to the big screen

ADAPTATION The 1960s TV Western The Big Valley will be revisited as a feature film. The series, which ran on ABC from 1965-69, starred Barbara Stanwyck as the matriarch of a ranching clan in California's San Joaquin Valley in the 1870s. Lee Majors and Linda Evans were among the stars. REUTERS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt
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	256	389	12 VI	The Road to Avonlea		Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	America's Got Talent (N)		Monk (CC)		News (N)
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	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
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	602	568	19 W	Style by Jury	Friends (CC)	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Love It or List It		Hush (2005) Tori Spelling, Victoria Pratt.		
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wipeout (N) (CC)		Japanese Game Show		Primetime: Crime (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Layer Cake ★★★ (2004) Daniel Craig, Colm Meaney.				King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)
	291	383	27 PBS	Steves Europe	West Coast	Time Team America (N) (CC)		Ascent of Money (N)		Wide Angle (CC)		MI-5 (CC)
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	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits "Black Box"		The Guard "The Beacon"		My Name Is Sarah (2007) Jennifer Beals. (CC)				House (CC)
	620	523	40 BVO	Opera	Broadway	Law & Order "Illegal" (CC)		Without a Trace (CC)		Judy Berlin ★★ (1999) Barbara Barrie. (CC)		
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The Philanthropist
Teddy's (James Purefoy) attempt to bring commerce to the Nigerian village where he had his epiphany runs off the rails when a respected friend of his is kidnapped by a rebel leader who disapproves of Teddy's interference. Back in New York, Teddy's example moves Philip (Jesse L. Martin) to help an unemployed acquaintance stay afloat. Neve Campbell also stars in the new episode "Nigeria, Part II." 4 PM on STR

Bottle Shock
Memories of "Sideways" are likely for many viewers of this comedy-drama, also set in California's wine country. Alan Rickman ("Die Hard") plays a British connoisseur forced to admit that American vintage isn't as bad as he purported, but he has a hard time convincing the maker (Bill Pullman) of a certain Chardonnay to enter it in a contest. Rachael Taylor, Chris Pine, Bradley Whitford ("The West Wing") and Eliza Dushku ("Dollhouse") are among the co-stars. 8 PM on CEN

Mango model
Scarlett Johansson's first advert campaign for Mango has been released, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hollywood beauty sizzles in a series of sultry images for the Spanish retailer's Autumn/Winter 09 collection. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Big birthday bust

WHAT A NICE GUY Tony Romo picked quite the day to call it quits with longtime girlfriend Jessica Simpson. The NFL quarterback reportedly dumped the singer the night before her big, Barbie and Ken-themed birthday bash, which she promptly cancelled.

"Jess was too heartbroken to have a big bash," a source tells Gatecrasher. The reason for the split was simple, says another source: "Jessica was ready to settle down, and Tony was not."

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Janet wants the children

FIGHT FOR CUSTODY Janet Jackson wants custody of Michael Jackson's three children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The late star had reportedly discussed his wishes for his kids — Prince Michael I, 12, Paris, 11, and Prince Michael II, 7, known as Blanket — in the event of his death and was even planning to draft a new will to amend custody details. A source said: "There was a lot of rifts in the family, but Janet was the one person he spoke to regularly and he made sure the children kept in touch with her too.

"Ultimately, he wanted Janet to look after the children, with help from his mother Katherine, and was planning to draft a new will to reflect those wishes"

Janet has the support of her siblings in taking over as primary caregiver.

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Partying could ruin my music

IS THAT A BAD THING? Katy Perry refuses to overdo it when she's partying — because she's worried it will ruin her pop career, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "I've seen too many people live that way and almost wreck their careers ... These days I see the wisdom in having a good night's sleep."

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Beckham backs off Jolie ad

AVOIDING THE DOG HOUSE David Beckham has refused to star in an advert with Angelina Jolie because he is married, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British soccer star — who recently celebrated his tenth wedding anniversary with wife Victoria — doesn't want to upset his spouse by posing for an Emporio Armani underwear campaign with the stunning Hollywood star, who is in a relationship with Brad Pitt. He told TV show Extra: "She is an amazing person and so is Brad. They're an incredible couple and they have an amazing family.

"At the end of the day, I wouldn't do it because I'm married."

Last week, it was claimed Beckham and Jolie were set to team up for a steamy set of ads. Beckham signed a deal with the Italian fashion house in 2007, while Jolie was unveiled as their new female face last month.

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Back and better than ever?

ISLAND REHAB Amy Winehouse is back. She arrived in the U.K. from St. Lucia Monday, looking initially tearful to be home, but healthier than she has for ages, people.com reports.

Winehouse, 25, who has been in the Caribbean island for much of the year is planning on catching up with friends and working on her new music. But most noticeable is her improved complexion and fuller figure.

"She is good. She has been looking after herself," says a friend. "She did a lot of exercise and she has been eating better. Look at her — she is not what she was."

Tales of her going on alcoholic benders are exaggerated, friends say. "She is Amy Winehouse and has a drink. But she has improved considerably." The source adds, "She has had to cope with some huge problems, including her marriage of course."

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Fox slams her movie

BUT THE MONEY IS NICE
Megan Fox can't seem to stop herself from slamming her new film, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. "I forced myself to sit down for Transformers 2," Fox says, according to the Sun. "I shot an entire glass of champagne so that I could get through it."

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Retiring at 60

ALRIGHTY THEN Quentin Tarantino tells GQ that he'll retire from filmmaking when he turns 60 because he doesn't want his work to deteriorate. "Directors don't get better, they get worse," he explains.

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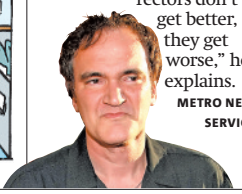

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Lohan's hair getting thin?

IS THAT MY SCALP SHOWING? Word is going around Hollywood that Lindsay Lohan's love of hair extensions is wreaking havoc on her locks. The starlet was spotted slipping out of a nightclub early in the morning the other day looking gaunt and tired. "She appears to have a thinning hairline," a source tells the Mirror.

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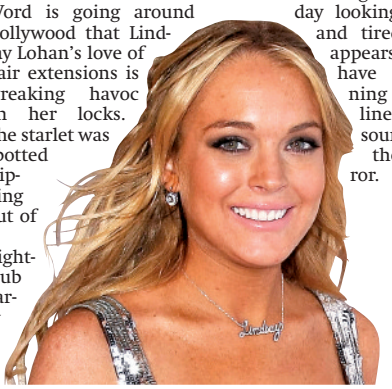

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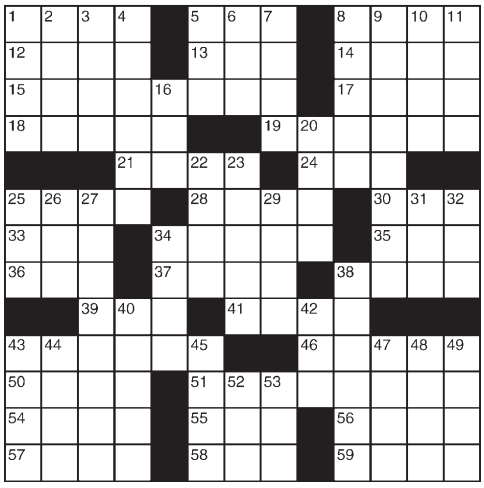

Crossword across

1 Otherwise
5 Sushi offering
8 Rue the run
12 First slayer
13 Pint in a pub
14 Crucifix
15 Looker
17 North Sea feeder
18 Actor Davis
19 Connective tissue
21 Dalai —
24 Ungraceful one
25 Doily feature
28 It takes the cake
30 Corn spike
33 Past
34 Rorschach images
35 Historic time
36 Solidify
37 Valhalla VIP
38 Mulligan, for one
39 "CSI" find
41 Moist
43 Secret Service agent, often
46 Run off to marry
50 Therefore
51 Trouble
54 Doves' home
55 Big bother
56 Men-only
57 Pianist Dame Myra
58 Infinitesimal
59 "Bonanza" role

Crossword down

1 Reverberate
2 Cambodia neighbor
3 Perches
4 Store fodder
5 Water (Fr.)
6 2003 Will Ferrell movie
7 Remaining
8 Where the action is
9 Strong apprehension
10 Bum
11 Paradise
16 Afternoon social
20 A really long time
22 Jell-O creation
23 Duck
25 Trail behind
26 Time of your life?
27 Deli assortment
29 Sicilian spouter
31 "You — There"
32 Uncivilized
34 Wild porker
38 1984 Tom Hanks movie
40 Attendance count?
42 Kitten's call
43 Leave a good impression?
44 Old woman's home?
45 Spring occurrence
47 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
48 Carrots' partners
49 Work units
52 Praise in verse
53 Pirouette pivot

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

9			6					
7		8		5	4			2
	4	5	7					
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2		1				5		8
	9	6						
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8			9	2		3		1
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	6	7	5	2	8	9	1	3
3	2	8	9	6	1	4	7	5
1	5	9	3	4	7	6	2	8
8	4	6	1	5	2	3	9	7
2	9	3	8	7	6	1	5	4
5	7	1	4	9	3	2	8	6
6	3	5	2	8	9	7	4	1
9	1	4	7	3	5	8	6	2
7	8	2	6	1	4	5	3	9

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Spicy Crab with Chili Mayo

INGREDIENTS:
1 green chilli pepper
1 small green pepper
1 small red onion
3 scallions
4 dressed crabs in their shells, to yield 1 lb (500 g) crab meat
3 oz (85 g) ricotta cheese
Salt and black pepper
1 1/4 cups (300 ml) French mayonnaise
1 tsp (5 ml) dried chili flakes
4 slices of white bread

METHOD:
1. Rinse, dry, deseed and finely slice peppers. Halve, peel and thinly slice red onion. Rinse, dry, trim and slice scallions, including some of green parts, and put all into mixing bowl.
2. Take crab meat out of shells and add to mixing bowl with ricotta cheese, stirring until well combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
3. Stir chili flakes into mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper if necessary. Place in serving bowl and set aside.
4. Toast bread, quarter into triangles, and arrange on serving platter. Pile crab mixture in centre and place bowl of chili mayonnaise on one side.
5. Let each person help themselves to crab mixture, spreading on toast and topping with chili-flavoured mayonnaise.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Little things will annoy you today and you will snap at people who move too slow for your liking.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Minor setbacks are just that — minor — so don't get worked up about them. A positive attitude is a must if you are going to overcome obstacles today.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You could lose out if you let someone persuade you that what their heart says should be allowed to overrule what your head is telling you.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Other people's demands are simply too much and the sooner you let them know you have no intention of giving in to them, the better.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Everyone seems to be running around in a blind panic at the moment. Why? It's not as if the current crisis — so-called — is something new.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You are allowed to disagree with the powers that be and you are allowed to express your opinions in any way and at any level you see fit.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone in a position of authority won't take kindly to you pointing out where they've gone wrong, but do so anyway.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Don't be too eager to draw conclusions from limited information. Just because the facts point in a single direction does not mean it's right.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A personal matter you were hoping to keep secret will become common knowledge today and you won't be pleased.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Common sense is a commodity that appears to be in short supply at the moment, so don't expect others to see things as clearly as you.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You expect so much of yourself that, inevitably, you sometimes fall short and feel like a failure. Jupiter in your sign is once again raising your ambitions.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The Sun remains in the most dynamic area of your chart just one more week and you should make use of it to succeed at a creative project.

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